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NEWS RELEASE: USE-OF-FORCE INCIDENT NEAR THE 1000 BLOCK OF FOCH ST

FORT WORTH, Texas - On Sunday, June 23, 2024, at 03:26 a.m., Fort Worth Police officers responded to a hit-and-run vehicle collision near the 1000 block of Foch St. The incident involved a suspected intoxicated driver who crashed into another vehicle and a structure before fleeing the scene on foot.

While officers were conducting their investigation, Carolyn Rodriguez, a resident uninvolved with the accident and broadcasting live on her social media page, approached police officers. An officer advised Rodriguez multiple times to move across the street. When she failed to comply, she was placed under arrest.

During the arrest, an officer used force to take Rodriguez into custody. She sustained injuries and was transported to a local hospital for evaluation and treatment. Rodriguez was later released from the hospital and booked into jail.

This incident, including the use of force, is being investigated by the Fort Worth Police Department Major Case and Internal Affairs Units to determine compliance with policies and procedures. Additionally, access to the investigation has been provided to the Office of the Police Monitor to ensure transparency and accountability. The involved officer, who has been with the Fort Worth Police Department for seven years, has been administratively reassigned out of patrol, pending the outcome of the investigation.

The video being released contains footage from two cameras. First, you will see the parking lot video without audio from a nearby business, followed by the officer's body camera footage. The footage provided is being released to uphold our commitment to be transparent with our community.

The Fort Worth Police Department remains committed to holding our employees accountable and ensuring each Fort Worth police officer meets all standards. In consideration of due process and the ongoing investigation, there will be no additional comment until there is an update about the investigation.

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